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B. K. Smith Named Head Of NSC Staff

Bromley K. Smith, a veteran Government expert in co-ordinating foreign policy and defense matters, was named by President Kennedy today as the executive secretary of the National Security Council.

The action makes Mr. Smith the head of the NSC staff of which he has been a member since 1953.

Since James S. Lay resigned as NSC executive secretary early in the Kennedy administration, Mr. Smith has been acting in that post.

A native of California, Mr. Smith joined the State Department in 1940 after working as a newspaper reporter in Washington.

He held various positions in the State Department and in embassies abroad, including service as a member of the department's policy planning staff and alternate representative on the NSC Planning Board.

He was executive officer of the operations co-ordinating board, an arm of the NSC, from 1958 until President Kennedy abolished the board earlier this year.

In his new \$20,000-a-year job, Mr. Smith will work directly with McGeorge Bundy, special assistant to the President for national security affairs.

He lives with his wife and two children at 2323 Massachusetts avenue N.W.